

IN THE CLAIMS

~~Please cancel claims 4, 16-26, 29 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the remaining claims as follows:~~

*Sub B* 1. (Original) A molding for positioning along a corner formed by an intersection of wall and a floating floor, the molding having a longitudinal axis and comprising:

a core; and,

a surface formed of a thermosetting resin and a decor sheet;

said molding having a generally planar floating floor engaging surface;

a pad positioned along the floating-floor engaging surface;

wherein, the pad resiliently creates a substantially moisture-tight seal so as to prevent moisture from seeping between said floor and said molding when the molding is in an installed position.

*a1* 2. (Original) The molding as in claim 1, further comprising an adhesive positioned on the pad and configured to engage the floating floor when the molding is in the installed position.

3. (Original) The molding as in claim 1, further comprising a wall-engaging surface, and apertures in the wall engaging surface to allow a connector to pass therethrough, the connector fastening the molding to the corner when the molding is in the installed position.

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*Sub B* 5. (Original) The molding as in claim 3, further comprising an intermediate surface connecting the wall-engaging surface and the floating-floor engaging surface.

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6. (Original) The molding as in claim 5, wherein the intermediate surface is angled so that the wall, floating floor, and intermediate surface form a generally triangular shape in a plane transverse to the longitudinal axis.

7. (Original) The molding as in claim 3, further comprising a face on the molding and positioned to face outwardly from the corner.

8. (Original) The molding as in claim 7, wherein the face is one of curved or flat.

9. (Original) The molding as in claim 1, wherein the pad is positioned distal a front edge of the floating floor engaging surface, wherein the front edge of the floating floor engaging surface is distal the corner.

10. (Original) The molding as in claim 1, wherein the molding has a generally uniform cross-section at planes transverse to the longitudinal axis.

11. (Original) The molding as in claim 1, wherein the pad is formed of a material that is a resilient material made from one of a closed-cell foamed plastic material or an open cell, foamed plastic material.

12. (Original) The molding as in claim 1, further comprising a hollow formed in the pad.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of installing the The molding as in claim 1, comprising applying wherein glue is applied to the pad immediately before placing the molding is placed in the installed condition.

14. (Original) The molding according to claim 1, wherein the pad includes a preformed layer of adhesive; and wherein, a removable film covers the adhesive.

15. (Original) The combination of a floating floor and a molding as set forth in claim

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*Sub b1* 27. (Original) A method of preventing moisture from seeping into a gap between a floating floor and a molding, the method comprising the steps of:

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installing a molding into contact with the floating floor, the molding being provided with a pad positioned to contact the floating floor.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the pad comprises a resilient material that is one of a closed cell foamed plastic or an open-cell foamed plastic.

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*Sub b1* 30. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the molding is installed between the floating floor and a wall.

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*Sub b1* 32. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of:

positioned at opposite ends of a longitudinal axis of the molding.

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33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the sealant is a silicone sealant.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, including the step of compressing comprising the pad when said molding is installed in contact with the floating floor.

35. (New) The molding of claim 1, wherein the core is formed from compressed wood particles and a binder therefor.

36. (New) The molding of claim 1, wherein the core is formed from one selected from the group consisting of high density fiberboard and medium density fiberboard.

37. (New) A molding for forming a moisture resistant seal between a floating floor and a wall, the molding comprising:

a core comprising at least one decorative surface,

the at least one decorative surface comprising:

a thermosetting resin and a décor sheet; and

a resilient pad affixed to the molding.

38. (New) The molding of claim 37, wherein the core is formed from compressed wood particles and a binder therefor.

39. (New) The molding of claim 38, wherein the core is formed from high density fiberboard or medium density fiberboard.

40. (New) The molding of claim 37, further comprising a wall engaging surface and a floor engaging surface, wherein the pad is adjacent to the floor engaging surface.

41. (New) A method of forming a moisture tight seal between a floating floor and a wall, comprising:

positioning the molding of claim 37 at an intersection of the floating floor and the wall.

42. (New) The method according to 41, comprising applying an adhesive to the pad before installing the molding.

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43. (New) The method according to claim 41, comprising compressing the pad.

44. (New) The molding as in claim 1, wherein said décor sheet comprises a color and/or pattern complementary to an upper surface of the floating floor.

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